



Meeting of the Cyrus E. Dallin Art Museum Board of Trustees, 13 October 2015

Present: Ellen Aamodt, Sarah Burks, Aimee Taberner, Jackie Bates, Chris Costello, Geraldine Tremblay, Dan Johnson, Tracy Skahan

Others Present: Heather Leavell, Chuck Luca, Paul McGaffagan, Terry Shaoul, Anne marie Delaunay-Danizio, James McGough

The meeting was called to order by Sarah Burks at 7:06 p.m.

Non-Profit Directors' Update

G. Tremblay noted that the video on the Soiree on August 9, 2015 is being finalized and that she submitted a request for copies for CEDAM. Further, Dr. Fairbanks has offered to restore a duplicate of the "Appeal" which is dissembled and in the same condition as the piece "On the Warpath" which Dr. Fairbanks recently restored. The work will be executed in situ at CEDAM.

The Directors targeted August 2016 for their next major fundraiser to celebrate the renovations to be conducted on the Jefferson Cutter House, contingent upon the contracted works meeting the schedule for the renovations.

The Directors are also applying for a grant from the Arlington Cultural Council to finance new labels, gallery panes and printed self-guided tour material.

Fundraising

The Directors are planning to apply for a grant in 2016 for a project on oral history. The annual appeal letter will be mailed shortly, as well as the precinct 13 mailing on memberships.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was circulated in advance of the meeting giving the Trustees sufficient time to review the material. The Treasurer focused at the meeting on donation plans for year-end.

Jackie Bates made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Aimee Taberner and approved unanimously.

Collections

Several moves were made in the galleries to accommodate "On the Warpath". New pedestals were added/changed and the coins were reinstalled.

Operations

The Town's Economic Planner is developing the implementation plan for the renovations financed by the recent grants for a combined total of \$130,000.

To date, a cleaning company has not been identified by the Town for CEDAM's storage and attic areas.

Minutes of Meeting, 9 September 2015

The draft minutes were reviewed and amended as necessary. The motion to approve the minutes was made by Jackie Bates, seconded by Ellen Aamodt and approved unanimously.

Volunteers' Report

The Volunteers' Report was distributed and showed visitor figures lagged 2014 significantly. It could be speculated that the low figures could be attributed to record snowfalls during the winter months. Sarah Burks made a motion to accept the Volunteers' Report, seconded by Aimee Taberner and adopted unanimously.

Events Calendar Update

On October 20, the Museum will open at 6:30 p.m. for the Gallery Talk by Nick Batzell on the techniques used in sculpting. Possible support staff for the event are Ellen Aamodt, Jackie Bates, Heather Leavell, and Geraldine Tremblay. Attendees were encouraged to go to their Facebook pages and select 'invite' to announce the events to friends.

The Board discussed the possibility of scheduling a gallery talk to friends and supporters to explain the renovation project of the Jefferson Cutter House.

Ellen Aamodt discussed a proposal to feature a visit to CEDAM in their Continuing Education Program for tour guides at Boston By Foot, noting that if selected, CEDAM's experts would be needed to present the Paul Revere series, the Town Flagstaff and Menotomy 'Hunter'. The Arlington Historical Society agreed to provide a guided tour of the Jason Russell House and Smith Museum. The Board endorsed the opportunity. Geri Tremblay agreed to circulate scripts for the Flagstaff and 'Menotomy Hunter'.

Finally, the Board discussed an appreciation event for CEDAM's docents. Ellen Aamodt offered to host the event at her home. A December 13 date was set. Jackie Bates offered home made Christmas cookies for the event.

Marketing/Publicity

Sarah Burks informed the Board that a press release on the Bazell event has been sent to the Advocate this week. A Facebook promotion has had over 500 'looks' and may prove to be an interesting opportunity for bringing Dallin to a wider audience. Apparently, the CEDAM advertisement is running pre-show at the Regents' Theater. Additional efforts are being made to promote group tour to CEDAM. Regular follow-up on our email addresses are needed to ensure that we address all inquiries. Tracy Skahan offered to follow up on emails.

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Strategic Plans

The Board agreed to postpone discussion on this item until the November meeting.

New Business

A claim for reimbursements was submitted. Aimee Taberner made a motion to recommend reimbursement, seconded by Ellen Aamodt. All voted in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Ellen Aamodt, Trustee, Recording Secretary

Action Items for 10 November 2015

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Rolling Events Calendar

POC	Event	Dates
Aimee	Gallery Talk - Batzell	October 20, 2015 (done)
Aimee	Town Hall display	Nov./Dec., 2015 (done)
Ellen	Docent Appreciation	December 13, 2015
James	Gallery Talk, Dallin/Civil War	January, 2016
Chris Costello	Gallery Talk	end Jan or February, 2016
Heather	2015/16 Education Days	TBD
Aimee	Blues/String Band	April/May, 2016
Jackie	Sculpture Workshop	April 2016
Ellen	Boston By Foot visit	July 16, 2016
Directors	Fundraiser	August ,2016